

raising in all their various branches, and

Whereas, It has been found by long experience that the most attractive feature of the fair has been its races, which serve to attract many visitors, and without whose attendance the general admissions would be so small as to eventually result in failure and bankruptcy to the association; and

Whereas, The abolition of horse racing would destroy one of Texas' foremost industries, i. e., the breeding of fine horse stock, which statistics now show represents millions of invested capital; therefore be it

Resolved, By this directory that the honorable Thirty-first Legislature be petitioned not to pass any drastic measures that would prohibit horse racing at the live stock and agricultural fairs; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Legislature from this district; that a copy be sent to the various fair associations throughout the State of Texas, and that a copy be given to the press for publication.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Adams:

Ballinger, Texas, February 15, 1909.

Hon. W. N. Adams, Austin, Texas.

We, the undersigned, voters of Runnels county, respectfully petition you to support Senate bill No. 27, prohibiting the State from granting license to retail liquor dealers.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Hudspeth:

To the Honorable State Senators of Texas:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Reeves and adjoining counties, respectfully petition your honorable body to vote for breeders' bill and against Robertson's bill, now about to come up before you.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Masterson:

Texas City, Texas, February 18, 1909.

To Hon. T. W. Masterson, Senator, and Messrs. Jens Moller and Marsene Johnson, Representatives, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: I am a property owner in Velasco and a citizen of Texas, and respectfully ask that you see to it that the bill appropriating \$102,500 for improvements at the mouth of the Brazos

river, Texas, be included in the rivers and harbors bill of the present Congress.

This appropriation is badly needed, and we hope you will grant the request is the desire of every person interested in Velasco.

Yours truly,

J. W. GRESHAM.

The Chair had the following read to the Senate:

Plainview, Texas, February 23, 1909.

The State Senate, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Hale county, do hereby petition your honorable body to vote for the breeders' bill and against the Robertson bill. Petition with one hundred signers secured within three hours. Only five citizens refused to sign petition. Big majority in favor of breeders' bill. Trust your body will protect the breeders of Texas. Petition mailed.

J. J. ELLARD.

By Senator Sturgeon:

Trenton, Texas, February 20, 1909.

Hon. B. B. Sturgeon, State Senator, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, citizens of Trenton, Fannin county, Texas, respectfully petition you to vote for the breeders' bill and against the Robertson bill, which lays fairs, racing and breeders in Texas.

Numerously signed.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, February 24, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson presiding.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Bryan.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Masterson.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Hume.

Weinert.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Peeler, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On account of sickness:

Senator Hume for today, on motion of Senator Peeler.

Senator Paulus made the following motion:

I move to excuse the Senator from Limestone for his absence during last week and Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of important business.

The motion was adopted.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Kellie:

Senate bill No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Beaumont, in Jefferson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senators Sturgeon and Hayter:

Senate bill No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3385, Title 69 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to local option, so as to except from the operation of the article of said title wholesale druggists selling alcohol to retail or dispensing druggists, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senators Meachum and Mayfield:

Senate bill No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 11 of Chapter 94 of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, page 119, entitled 'An Act to define, prohibit and declare illegal, trusts, monopolies and conspiracies in restraint of trade, and to prescribe penalties for forming or being connected with such trusts, monopolies and conspiracies, and to provide for the suppression of the same, and to promote free competition in the State of Texas,

and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith; providing venue; providing punishment for violations thereof, fixing compensation, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Meachum and Watson:

Senate bill No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for surveys within this State for the construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways, and for either or any of them, to prevent overflows, to procure drainage and for the improvement of rivers, creeks and streams by levees, or otherwise, to prevent overflows; to provide for the creation of a State Levee and Drainage Board, and defining and prescribing the duties and powers of said Board, and providing for the payment of their expenses; authorizing and empowering said Board to appoint a commissioner to be known as State Levee and Drainage Commissioner, defining his powers and prescribing his duties, and authorizing said Board to prescribe his further duties not in conflict with this act, and making an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Mining and Irrigation.

By Senator Harper:

Senate bill No. 270, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the neglect of children in the primary grades by excluding advanced students under certain conditions from schools having only one teacher, and to provide that trustees may make special provisions for the teaching of such students and that trustees of adjacent and convenient districts may provide joint high schools for giving suitable instruction in advanced grades or subjects; to provide that any person or persons above the lower limit of the free school age may receive instruction in the public free schools free of charge, in the subjects named in the law; to provide that a per capita fee of \$1.00 per year may be charged of pupils entering a joint high school; to provide that teachers may not lawfully attempt to give instruction in the public free schools in subjects in which they have not been examined; to repeal Section 100 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, and to declare an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Real:

Senate bill No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Penal Code of the State of Texas by adding thereto Article 812a, prohibiting the owners of sheep affected with the 'scab' or other infectious or contagious diseases from driving or permitting the same to be driven over or along any public road or highway in this State, or on or over the enclosed lands of another without the written consent of such owner, and prescribing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Morning call concluded.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48—CONFERENCE COMMITTEE—ADOPTION OF.

Senator Kellie here called up the Conference Committee report on House bill No. 48, presented on yesterday (see Journal of yesterday for report of).

Senator Kellie moved that the report be adopted.

The motion to adopt the report prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Adams.	Murray.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hayter.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Masterson.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.

Absent.

Terrell of McLennan. Weinert.

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

SENATE BILL NO. 115.

Senate bill No. 41 being special order, the Chair so stated, and

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 41) was suspended, and the Senate

took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 115, by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Paulus.
Alexander.	Peeler.
Brachfield.	Perkins.
Bryan.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Greer.	Stokes.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hayter.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Masterson.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Watson.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Holsey. Weinert.
Terrell of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide additional compensation to all judges in the district courts of this State by allowing compensation for actual necessary traveling expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties in counties other than the county of their residence, and declaring an emergency."

(Senator Veale in the chair.)

The committee report, with amendments, was adopted, on motion of Senator Hudspeth.

The bill was read second time, and Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out of the committee report the following: "Not to exceed the sum of \$2.00 per day for hotel bills and."

HUDSPETH,
WATSON.

The amendment was read, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Adams.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Senter.
Kellie.	Sturgeon.
Masterson.	Terrell of Bowie.
Meachum.	Veale.
Paulus.	Watson.
Peeler.	Willacy.

Nays—9.

Alexander.	Holsey.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Greer.	Murray.
Harper.	Thomas.
Hayter.	

Absent.

Bryan.	Ward.
Stokes.	Weinert.
Terrell of McLennan.	

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

Senator Mayfield offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the committee report by striking out the words "provided the provisions of this act shall apply only to districts containing four counties or more."

Senator Meachum offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill as follows: Add after the word "judges," in Section 1, line 13, the words, "and district attorney." Also add the words "and district attorneys respectfully," after the word "judges," in line 23, and the words "and district attorneys" after the word "judges," in line 28. Also by amending the caption by adding the words "and district attorneys" after the word "judges," in line 7 of the caption, as numbered in the printed bill.

MEACHUM,
TERRELL of Bowie.

Senator Watson offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill as printed by adding Section "1a," to read as follows: "The provisions of this act shall also apply to the judge of the criminal district court of Harris and Galveston counties, who shall be entitled to the same expenses and mileage as is therein provided for district judges therein mentioned."

WATSON,
MEACHUM,
PEELER,
MASTERTON.

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend bill by striking out "fifteen." in line 19, on page 1, and insert in lieu thereof the word "ten."

Senator Meachum offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill as amended by adding in Section 1a, after the words "the criminal district judge of Galveston and Harris counties," the words "and the district attorney of the counties of Galveston and Harris."

MEACHUM,
MASTERTON,
PEELER.

The bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Adams.	Perkins.
Alexander.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Hudspeth.	Stokes.
Kellie.	Terrell of Bowie.
Masterson.	Terrell of McLennan.
Meachum.	Veale.
Paulus.	Ward.
Peeler.	Watson.

Nays—9.

Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Greer.	Murray.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hayter.	Thomas.
Holsey.	

Absent.

Bryan.	Willacy.
Weinert.	

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

Senator Hudspeth moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the bill be put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Adams.	Perkins.
Alexander.	Real.
Bryan.	Senter.
Cofer.	Stokes.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of Bowie.
Kellie.	Terrell of
Masterson.	McLennan.
Meachum.	Veale.
Paulus.	Ward.
Peeler.	Watson.

Nays—9.

Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Greer.	Murray.
Harper.	Sturgeon.
Hayter.	Thomas.
Holsey.	

Absent.

Weinert.	Willacy.
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Absent—Excused.

Hume.

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to
inform the Senate that the House has
passed the following:

House bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 639 of Chap-
ter 7, Title 15 of the Penal Code of
the State of Texas in reference to the
punishment for rape, and providing who
shall perform castration, and fixing a
fee therefor, and declaring an emer-
gency."

Also concurs in Senate amendment to
House bill No. 154, by the following
vote: Yeas, 109; nays, 0.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER.

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

SENATE BILL NO. 41.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on
second reading and special order,

Senate bill No. 41, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 1194 of Chap-
ter 4 of Title 30 of the Revised Civil
Statutes of the State of Texas, and pro-
viding for an emergency."

The question on the bill was the
pending amendment by Senator Terrell
of Bowie (see Journal of February 16
for the amendment).

The amendment was lost by the fol-
lowing vote:

Yeas—9.

Alexander.	Stokes.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of
Meachum.	McLennan.
Senter.	Ward.

Nays—17.

Adams.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Greer.	Real.
Hayter.	Sturgeon.
Holsey.	Thomas.
Kellie.	Veale.
Masterson.	Watson.
Mayfield.	

Absent.

Bryan.	Weinert.
Paulus.	Willacy.

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

Senator Cofer offered the following
amendment, which was read and adopt-
ed:

Amend by adding at the end of line
4, page 3, of printed bill:

"Provided, that any suit based on any
cause of action or facts existing at the
time this act goes into effect shall
be brought in the county wherein the
land lies."

COFER.
PEELER,
MURRAY,
GREER.
HOLSEY.

Senator Senter offered the following
amendment:

Amend the bill, page 2, subdivision 8,
line 8, by adding after the word "at-
tachment" the word "garnishment," and
after the word "levy," in said line, add-
ing the words "or service," and by add-
ing at the end of said subdivision, in
line 11, page 2, the words: "Or in any
county where such writ of garnishment
was served."

The amendment was read, and lost.

Senator Senter offered the following
amendment:

Amend the bill by substituting for
Subdivision 23 thereof, page 3, the fol-
lowing:

"23. Suits against any private cor-
poration, association or joint stock com-
pany may be commenced in any county
in which such corporation, association
or joint stock company has an agency
or representative, or in which its prin-
cipal office is situated, or when said pri-
vate corporation, association or joint
stock company has no agent or represen-
tative in the State, then in any county
where the plaintiffs, or either of them,
reside, or in any county in which the
cause of action or part thereof arose.
And suits against a railroad corporation
or against any assignee, trustee or re-
ceiver operating its railway, may also
be brought in any county through or
into which the railroad of such corpo-
ration extends or is operated. Suits
against receivers of persons and corpo-
rations may also be brought, as pro-
vided for in Article 1484."

Pending discussion on the amendment,
Senator Meachum moved the previous
question on the amendment, and the
engrossment of the bill. The motion be-
ing duly seconded, was so ordered.

The amendment by Senator Senter
was lost.

The bill was read second time, and the Senate refused to engross same, by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Alexander.	Senter.
Brachfield.	Stokes.
Greer.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan.
Paulus.	Ward.
Real.	

Nays—16.

Adams.	Meachum.
Cofer.	Murray.
Harper.	Peeler.
Hayter.	Perkins.
Holsey.	Sturgeon.
Kellie.	Thomas.
Masterson.	Veale.
Mayfield.	Watson.

Absent.

Bryan.	Willacy.
Weinert.	

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

(Lieutenant Governor Davidson in the chair.)

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Senator Thomas here presented a statement as "reasons for voting" on the matter of the acceptance of the invitation to visit Dallas, he being absent when the vote was taken. The question arose as to whether or not the statement was germane to that subject, whereupon he changed same to that of "personal privilege."

The statement was then read, and Senator Terrell of Bowie made the point of order on same that the matter contained in the statement was not germane to the subject of personal privilege.

The Chair stated that he would overrule the point of order for the present.

Pending further discussion, Senator Perkins moved that the statement be excluded from the Journal, and later Senator Holsey, as a substitute, moved that the statement be printed in the Journal over his (Thomas') signature.

Several points of order were made on the two above motions, but were overruled.

Senator Terrell of Bowie here renewed his point of order as to the statement not being germane to the sub-

ject of personal privilege, and cited several authorities.

The Chair stated that in his opinion that question was one that the Senate should deal with, as they were the judges of what was personal privilege.

Senator Kellie here moved the previous question on the motion by Senator Perkins, and the substitute motion by Senator Holsey.

The motion for the previous question being duly seconded, was so ordered.

Action then recurred on the substitute motion by Senator Holsey, but pending discussion the motion was ruled out of order on a point of order by Senator Terrell of Bowie.

Action then recurred on the motion by Senator Perkins, to exclude the statement from the Journal, and

Senator Terrell of McLennan moved to table the motion.

The motion to table was lost, by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Alexander.	Meachum.
Cofer.	Terrell of McLennan.
Harper.	Thomas.
Holsey.	Veale.
Mayfield.	Ward.

Nays—14.

Adams.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Hayter.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Senter.
Kellie.	Terrell of Bowie.
Murray.	Watson.
Paulus.	Willacy.

Present—Not Voting.

Brachfield.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	

Absent.

Masterson.	Weinert.
Stokes.	

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

REASONS FOR NOT VOTING.

We ask to be marked present and not voting because we are on the committee investigating charges brought by Senator Thomas, and do not feel that we should give expression to anything that would intimate our position until we have heard all evidence that might be brought before the committee.

STURGEON,
GREER,
BRACHFIELD.

Action then recurred on the motion by Senator Perkins, that the statement be excluded from the Journal.

The motion was adopted, by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Adams.	Perkins.
Bryan.	Real.
Hudspeth.	Senter.
Kellie.	Terrell of Bowie.
Murray.	Watson.
Paulus.	Willacy.
Peeler.	

Nays—11.

Alexander.	Meachum.
Cofer.	Terrell of McLennan.
Harper.	Thomas.
Hayter.	Veale.
Holsey.	Ward.
Mayfield.	

Present—Not Voting.

Brachfield.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	

Absent.

Masterson.	Weinert.
Stokes.	

Absent—Excused.

Hume.

The same reasons for being present and not voting by Senators Sturgeon, Greer and Brachfield were given as above.

BILL SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 18, "An Act declaring void the sale or transfer of portions of stocks of merchandise otherwise than in the ordinary course of trade in the usual and regular prosecution of the seller's or transferrer's business, and sales or transfers of entire stocks of merchandise in bulk, unless made in compliance with certain named conditions and regulations, and prescribing such conditions and regulations according to which such sales may be made valid, and declaring an emergency."

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Terrell of McLennan, the Senate, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, February 19, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 113, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor to purchase for the State the papers of President Mirabeau Lamar, and making appropriation therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Willacy, Chairman; Holsey, Meachum, Sturgeon, Weinert, Paulus, Peeler, Murray.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 266, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Beaumont, in Jefferson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Senter, Chairman; Cofer, Peeler, Sturgeon, Real, Alexander, Holsey, Terrell of McLennan, Masterson.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 24, 1909.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, To amend Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, so as to authorize the grant of aid in the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors and such

women as aided the Confederacy, and making an appropriation,

And find the same correctly engrossed.
WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 24, 1909.
Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 80 of the Special Laws of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 15, 1907, and to create a more efficient road law for Lee county, Texas,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
WARD, Chairman.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Terrell of McLennan:
Senator H. B. Terrell, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition you to vote favoring the enactment of a bill which will be presented in the Thirty-first Legislature, asking that body to submit to a vote of the people at the next regular election the question of a constitutional amendment, allowing any person holding a just and legal claim against another to garnishee as much as 10 to 25 per cent of any wages or salary that may be due to such debtor by another, to be applied to payment of such claim. This is not intended to work undue hardship on any one indebted, but it is hoped that such a law will have a tendency to educate those contracting debts in Texas to more economic habits, and to have a greater regard for truth, honor and fidelity to their fellowman.

Under our present laws, the very nature and construction of which show an unmistakable tendency to shield the "dead beat" and encourage them in defeating payment of their honest debts, one may lend to another his time, knowledge and merchandise, either for profit or without compensation, means with which to shelter, clothe and feed his family, and has no power in any court of Texas by which he can collect for same, where those so accommodated refuse to pay. Through the operation of these laws, which are the very essence of the basest class legislation, many a fortune has been lost, and many a business man censured for failures for which these laws alone are responsible.

Therefore, we petition you not to create a law favoring one class as against another class, but to give us laws of equity between man and man. Laws that will reward honesty rather than encourage rascality; in other words, "a square deal for all and special privileges for no one."

Numerously signed.

By Senator Veale:

Plainview, Texas, February 9, 1909.

We, the undersigned farmers and taxpayers of Hale county, hereby protest against the passage of Texas Senate bill No. 11, House bill No. 97, House bill No. 93, Senate bill No. 19, and particularly against the passage of Senate bill No. 9, which provides for an unjust, unreasonable and prohibitive license for itinerant venders of medicines. As free American citizens we wish to be able to purchase goods wherever we please, which would be impossible if this bill were passed. We consider that a license for itinerant venders of medicine, etc., should not exceed \$75 per annum in each county, and should be payable to the road and bridge fund in the county where the business is transacted.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Paulus:

The Austin Woman's Suffrage Association prays the Legislature of the State of Texas, now in session, to submit to the people of the State of Texas an amendment to the Constitution of the State permitting women to vote on all questions on equal terms with the men.

That this is reasonable will be readily understood when it is considered that the mothers and wives of many of the honorable legislators, who own property in their own right, certainly should have as much voice in the preparation of the laws governing themselves as the ignorant negro or the Mexican, neither of whom can be expected to have as much interest in the welfare of the State as the women.

The women of the State can be relied upon when it is desired to have better laws enacted.

This action is taken in a regular meeting of the Austin Woman's Suffrage Association, at Austin, Texas, on February 20, 1909.

Signed—Mrs. Hagerty-Snell, President; Miss Celia Stavely, Secretary.

By Senator Peeler:

Hon. C. C. Stokes, and the House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned citizens of Angelina county and your district, desire to enter this our protest against the enactment of that portion of the bill now pending before the Legislature, known as the Hayter bill, which bill, if enacted, will levy a tax of \$100 per month on men who sell drugs from wagons at the private homes of our citizens. This tax, if enacted, will drive from us a great convenience, because in most, if not all, instances, men who peddle drugs to us deliver them to our doors even cheaper than we can obtain them from the retail drug stores. And by having them delivered to us in many cases we are supplied with useful and necessary drugs that assist us greatly in the general welfare of our families and homes, in many cases of illness. Besides this, there are men in our country who are cripples and have not the financial ability and neither the physical, to obtain a livelihood in any other vocation, and to place this tax will tend to deprive them of this means of the sustenance that they and their families would otherwise have; therefore, we protest and detest the passage of such a measure.

Numerously signed.

The Chair had the following read to the Senate:

To the State Senators of Texas, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned citizens of Encinal, La Salle county, Texas, who feel interested in the breeding of good stock, do hereby pray you to vote for the breeders' bill and against the Robertson bill, believing the breeders' bill to be beneficial to our country and to the interest of our stock raisers.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Alexander:

Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Fort Worth, That the bill lately introduced in the State Legislature for the more efficient control and suppression of mendicants, tramps and vagrants, known as the Senter bill, and also the bill by the same author giving city courts concurrent jurisdiction with the State courts over misdemeanor cases, be and the same are hereby approved, and that our Representatives in the State Legislature be requested to support the same and use every honorable endeavor for their

adoption and final passage; and that the city secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Hon. W. B. Fitzhugh, Hon. Louis Wortham, Hon. F. F. Hill and Senator D. M. Alexander, who represent Tarrant county wholly or in part in the State Legislature.

Signed—W. D. Harris, George Mulkey, G. H. Colvin, Sam Davidson, Lee Stephens.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly presented and unanimously passed by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Fort Worth, in session February 23, 1909.

W. J. ESTES, City Secretary.

By Senator Holsey:

Whereas, There is now pending in the Legislature the Robertson anti-gambling bill, which has passed the Lower House by a large majority, we hereby petition Senator Holsey to vote in favor of said bill, because we believe it for the best interest of our people morally. The opponents of the bill argue that it will kill the fairs and be a detriment to the raising of fine horses to stop gambling. We do not think the best interests of the people depend upon gambling. We are opposed to gambling in any form, and advocate that which tends to make better men instead of finer horses; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Forney, in meeting assembled, declare ourselves strongly in favor of the Robertson bill and heartily commend its passage.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Peeler:

Burnet, Texas, February, 1909.

Hon. J. L. Peeler, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, citizens and taxpayers of Burnet county, hereby petition you to vote, and use your influence, against the passage of the Robertson bill, which if passed will virtually kill all county fairs in Texas and greatly tend to discourage the raising of a better grade of horses, which Texas is sorely in need of.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Cofer:

Sherman, Texas, February 22, 1909.

To Hon. R. E. Cofer, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned, members of the bar of Grayson county, take this method of expressing our disapproval of the bill which we are informed was recently

passed by the House of Representatives of Texas, requiring the judges of the appellate courts of Texas to hold same in session 11 months in the year, and trust that when the same reaches the Senate you may find it consistent with your good judgment to oppose it and use your influence to defeat it.

Numerously signed.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas;

Thursday, February 25, 1909.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson presiding.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Perkins.
Alexander.	Real.
Brachfield.	Senter.
Bryan.	Stokes.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell of Bowie.
Harper.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hayter.	Thomas.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Masterson.	Weinert.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Peeler.	

Absent.

Hume.	Murray.
Mayfield.	Paulus.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Veale, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On account of important business:

Senator Weinert for yesterday, on motion of Senator Cofer.

On account of sickness:

Senator Hume for today and tomorrow, on motion of Senator Peeler.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Masterson (by request):

Senate bill No. 272, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of Kate Chambers Sturgis and Stella J. McGregor, only

children of Thomas J. Chambers, deceased."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Ward:

Senate bill No. 273, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district for free school purposes only, in the county of Johnson, to be known as the Grandview Independent School District, and to have all the rights, powers and duties of independent school districts, formed by the incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Kellie:

Senate bill No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a special road law for the county of Jasper, creating the office of superintendent of public roads and bridges; defining his powers and duties; defining the powers and duties of road overseers; defining what persons are subject to work upon the public roads; providing proper penalties for violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator Hayter: -

Senate bill No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and punish the giving of false and contradictory evidence before a grand jury from that sworn to, and the evidence given in the trial courts of the State, and prescribing a punishment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Veale:

Senate bill No. 276, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An Act to reorganize the Forty-seventh Judicial District and to create the Sixty-ninth Judicial District, to fix the time for holding the terms of the district court in said district, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge and district attorney in the said Sixty-ninth Judicial District, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Real:

Senate bill No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Senate bill No. 35, an act of the Thirty-first Legislature,"